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KEY INTELLIGENCE TASK (91004)

S/NF/LIMDIS) What are the political/military indicators, and possible location of indicators, that would precede an imminent Iraqi attack, if any?

(S/NF/LIMDIS) Source A assessment: (DOI: 16 Jan 91)

a. Preemptive Iraqi strikes are not anticipated in the near future (1-2 weeks).

b. Weather (rainstorms) will be a problem in the southern area in 3-5 days (19-21 Jan).

c. Some heavy equipment movement (east to west) is anticipated in near term in Kuwait (area A on FIG 1).

d. Within 1-3 days (i.e., 17-17 Jan 91), Iraq will launch missiles (into Saudi Arabia areas):

- Front line troops will not advance.

e. Future potential strikes may occur in area B, FIG 1.

f. Iraq may have two "special" weapons:

- Some type of "interference" device that causes electronic/mechanical equipment to "freeze up" or (lose effectiveness).

- Some type of energetic/beam-type device may be located in the sand in area C, FIG 1.

(S/NF/LIMDIS) Source B assessment (DOI: 16 Jan 91)

a. Iraqi preemptive action is not anticipated until after February 1991:

- A surprise attack may occur from the Kuwait side in early February.

b. This conflict will result in a new Iraq leader by the April time frame.

(S/NF/LIMDIS) Source C assessment (DOI: 15 Jan 91)

a. There will be considerable aircraft activity (north, toward Turkey border):

- Some old slow (transport-like) aircraft are involved.

b. Large groups of objects, now buried in the sand, will be uncovered.

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- c. Something like communications, or command and control, with lower ranking individuals will be shutdown (or turned off).
- d. Sense of disbelief (by high level people).
- e. Some sort of abandonment occurs (in many areas).
- f. SCUD missile launches will be used as a distractor:
Outskirts of Riyadh is one target area.
- g. Aircraft carriers and hospital ships are targets (via aircraft suicide runs, missiles).
- h. Some type of "activity" is planned in vicinity of Mecca.
- i. Hussein's attitude is ruthless; not concerned about world opinion.

(S/NF/LIMDIS) Source D assessment (DOI: 15 Jan 91)

- Iraq may initiate preemptive attack into Saudi Arabia (vicinity of 30 degrees 20 minutes North/43 degrees 15 minutes East). Time frame unclear, though some type of activity (indicator) may occur night of 14 Jan 91:

-- considerable aircraft activity will precede.

-- Some type of "light beam/heat" may be associated with the possible assault.

(S/NF/LIMDIS) Source E assessment (DOI: 16 Jan 91)

- a. Hussein will not back out Kuwait.
- b. Hussein will not move politically or militarily in near future.
- c. Saudi Arabia oil wells are targeted:
 - Terrorist activity anticipated against Shell Oil Co.
- d. Attacks (Iraq or US) not anticipated (in near future).

(S/NF/LIMDIS) All sources (A-E) assessment (DOI: 16 Jan 91)

a. Sources generally indicate that near term (1-2 weeks) preemptive strikes will not occur.

b. Sources are mixed as to possible long term preemptive strike areas; candidate areas include central south Kuwait border, or a central area along the Iraq/Saudi Arabia border.

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c. Two sources anticipates special (surprise) weapons; another anticipates near term SCUD strikes into Saudi Arabia as well as suicide strikes against allied ships.

d. One source does not anticipate Iraq backing out of Kuwait.

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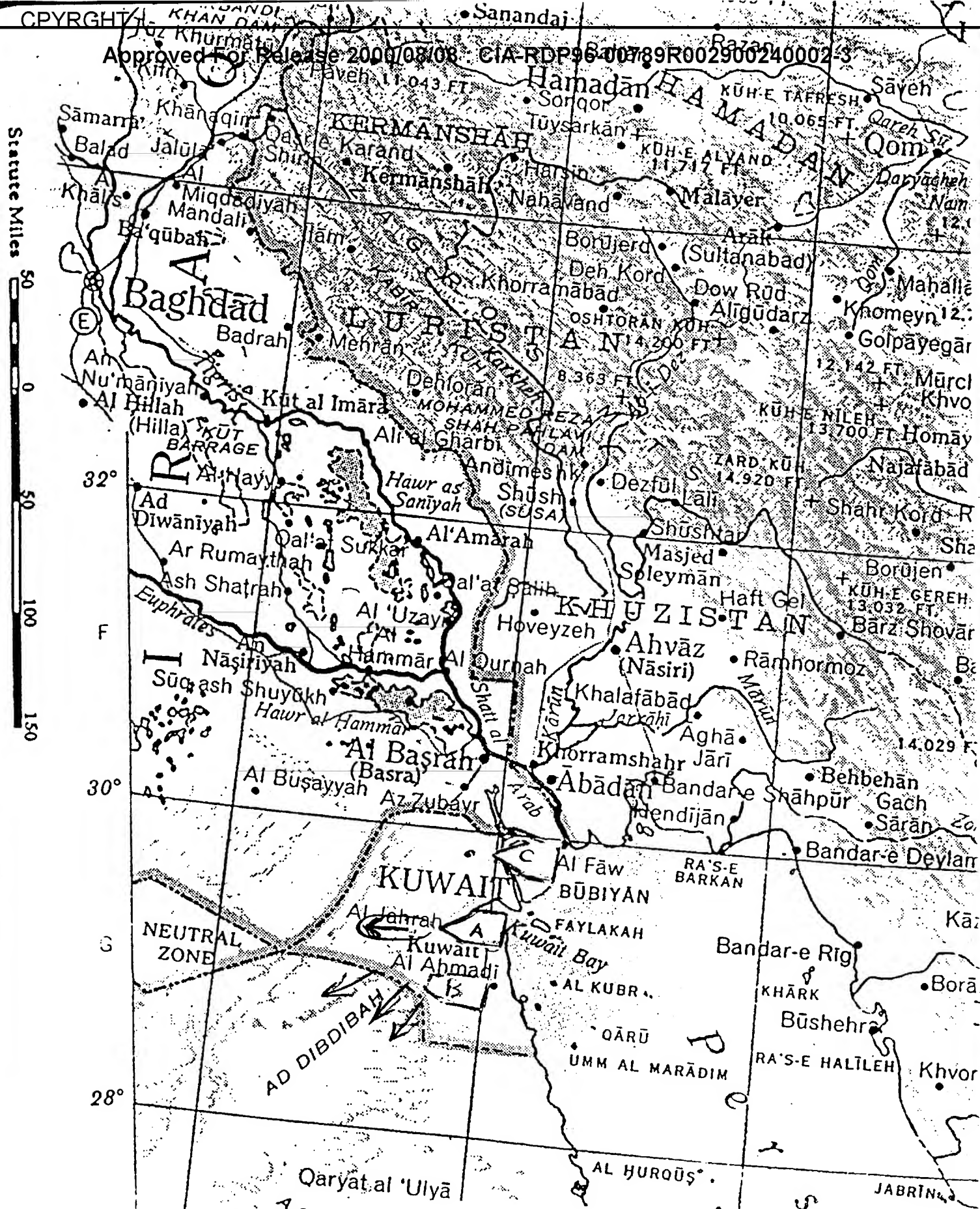


FIGURE 1

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